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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This will respond to the office action mailed on July 14, 2004, setting a period for response expiring on October 14, 2004.

No specification amendments are being made

No drawing amendments are being made.

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